



# CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

## San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission Executive Committee Meeting November 30, 2022 at 5:30 pm PST

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Kennelly called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

Present: Chair Kennelly, Commissioners Ricarte, Souza.

Not present: Vice Chair Paz, Commissioner Khojasteh (excused).

OCEIA staff present: Acting Director Whipple, Commissioner Clerk Shore, Operations and Grants Administrator Chan.

### 2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

This item is to allow the Commission Chair to acknowledge that the Commission is on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula.

Chair Kennelly read the land acknowledgment statement.

### 3. General Public Comment

This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on today's agenda.

There was no public comment.

### 4. Action Item: Approval of previous minutes

*(Discussion/Action)*

- a. Approval of October 26, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Immigrant Rights

Commission's Executive Committee meeting of October 26, 2022. Explanatory Document: [Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 10.26.22](#)

## 5. Discussion/Action Items

*(Discussion/Action)*

- a. Rescheduling/Planning of 2023 IRC Retreat and Officer Elections  
Discussion and possible action by Chair Kennelly to decide on whether to postpone the 2023 IRC Retreat and Officer Elections.

Chair Kennelly stated that she will postpone the January retreat and elections. Commissioner Ricarte suggested permanently moving it to a month other than January. The Executive Committee will discuss possible dates for the retreat and elections at its January 25, 2023 meeting.

- b. IRC Support of Board of Supervisors Resolution on Iran  
Discussion and possible action to support the San Francisco Board of Supervisors' resolution on Iran, or take other actions on the matter. The Commission previously issued a [statement](#) on the human rights violations taking place in Iran.

The Board of Supervisors approved the resolution on Iran at their meeting on November 29, 2022. Chair Kennelly said she will send a note to the Board of Supervisors thanking them for their leadership and include a copy of the IRC's original statement.

- c. Planning for Holiday Greeting to Consulates and IRC Partners  
Discussion and possible action to plan for sending a holiday greeting to consulates and IRC partners.

Chair Kennelly has drafted language for the Commission's holiday greeting to consulates that she will share with OCEIA staff. Commissioner Souza asked if the Commission could develop a holiday greeting for community members as well. Chair Kennelly will provide OCEIA staff with draft language for both holiday greetings.

- d. Report Back from Parivar Bay Area Conference (Acting Director Whipple and Commissioners)  
This item allows the Director and Commissioners to report back on the November 18, 2022 Parivar Bay Area conference on transgender migrants, and allows the Executive Committee to discuss and take possible action to plan for a special hearing or other possible actions by the Commission.

Acting Director Whipple provided an overview of the first transgender immigrant symposium, which was attended by Commissioner Ruiz and OCEIA staff. Commissioner Ricarte suggested that the Full Commission discuss organizing a hearing on LGBTQ immigrants at its January meeting. Chair Kennelly suggested that the agenda item include all proposed hearings for 2023.

- e. Follow-up Actions from IRC Hearing on Immigrant Perspectives on Housing in San Francisco

Discussion and possible action to plan follow-up actions on the Commission's September 12, 2022 hearing on immigrant perspectives on housing in San Francisco. Commissioner Souza volunteered to draft recommendations from the hearing. Explanatory Document: [IRC Hearing on Immigrant Perspectives on Housing in San Francisco](#)

Commissioner Souza deferred this agenda item to the next Executive Committee meeting.

- f. Follow-up Actions on Guaranteed Income Program for Immigrants in San Francisco
- Discussion and possible action to plan follow-up actions regarding a guaranteed income program for immigrants in San Francisco. This is a follow-up to the presentation by Chiamaka Ogwuegbu of the Mayor's Office at the November 14, 2022 Full Commission meeting.

Chair Kennelly suggested that the Commission discuss next steps in January.

Chair Kennelly called for public comment and there was no public comment on this item.

## 6. **Staff Reports** *(Information)*

- a. Director's Updates

Report on OCEIA and IRC activities and announcements. This item allows the Director to provide brief updates on activities and announcements. If the Commission would like a full report, we can place that matter on the agenda for a future meeting.

Acting Director Whipple provided an update on OCEIA's activities, including the Language Access Ordinance report, planning for the arrival of asylum seekers, and a San Francisco Pathways to Citizenship Initiative workshop scheduled for January 14, 2022.

OCEIA is working with the Board of Supervisors to schedule the reappointment hearings for the four Board-appointed Commissioners whose seats are up for renewal. There are currently three vacancies on the Commission: two Mayoral seats and one Board-appointed seat.

b. Policy Update

Report on DACA, Title 42 and other immigration policies. This item allows the Director to provide a policy update and information about OCEIA's related work.

Acting Director Whipple provided an overview of policy changes including the court decision calling for the termination of Title 42 by December 21, 2022. The Biden administration is exploring other ways to manage the volume of people at the border. Clerk Shore provided an update on the uncertain future of DACA. Commissioner Ricarte asked if the Commission should invite a speaker to provide an update on DACA. Krsna Avila from ILRC provided an update on DACA at the Full Commission's October 17, 2022 meeting. Chair Kennelly suggested inviting ILRC back in early 2023, after January.

**7. Old and New Business**  
*(Information)*

This item is to allow Commissioners to provide updates on items the Commission has previously discussed, and to introduce new agenda items for future consideration by the Commission.

There was no old or new business. Chair Kennelly called for public comment on this item and there was no public comment.

**8. Adjournment**

Chair Kennelly adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

